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Dear Gene:

It was good to hear from you last week and I am sorry that Helen has not been well. Hope the weather is holding up over there, because it can get one down. I was beginning to get concerned somewhat that the letters might be going astray since I had not heard from you. The questions that I asked you were not important of themselves, although I am somewhat concerned still about the Kennedy silver dollars. Did you ever get them?

I appreciate your making the effort to change the format of the monthly report and am sure in the long run it will prove to be beneficial to all concerned. I can appreciate that you did have a system going there, but it does have its problems. I notice, too, that Madison Avenue is reaching over across the ocean and you are aware of the Avis slogan, "We Try Harder."

There is nothing new on an assistant to Carl yet--at least to my knowledge. I don't even hear any rumors on this, which you must admit is a sad situation. I am sure that you know that [REDACTED] is going over in place of [REDACTED]. When Alan was over here I understand that Kal was introduced to him as [REDACTED] successor. Thus, the word may have gotten back there informally and almost immediately after the decision was made.

I saw Bud not too long ago, and he looks very well. I am sure you have received a photograph from him, as I know he was planning to send one.

I was talking to Steve A. very recently, and he is planning to send someone over there as you suggested on the speech business during early summer. I told them to give me any specific details, and I would send them to you through regular channels, so this information should be coming soon. Thanks for the prompt response to our request in late April for the full article published by the Navy.

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I am looking for [REDACTED] As I recall, you mentioned he was planning to visit Washington in May; and I just wondered if the trip has been postponed. If Jim is still there, tell him I am still looking forward to seeing him.

Our very best wishes to Helen. Hope she is fully recovered and, of course, love to Ann.

Sincerely,

Bill